

FINE ARTS.

Great Sale of Fine Paintings—Fifth Sale of James S. Earle & Sons—B. Scott, Jr., Auctioneer.

For many years it has been the custom of Europe that the greed of the American people for gold was so insatiable and insatiable that it was impossible for the Yankee to see to anything like an appreciation of beauty in artistic forms.

But in that rose-colored and shadowy region which we call the Fine Arts, comprising painting, sculpture, engraving, photography, and their cognate and kindred branches, we are not far behind our European neighbors.

Mr. James S. Earle, the well-known dealer in pictures and works of art, visited Europe during the past summer, and while there purchased a large number of works of the highest style of art, which are now on exhibition in the east galleries at the Academy of Fine Arts.

C. Hoguet, one of the most popular Berlin artists, contributes thirteen compositions, part in water colors and part in oil, the largest of which is a very vivid and impressive marine, entitled "Off Brest," with a view of the light house.

Carl Hubner, of Dusseldorf, presents a picture which will be popular in this country. It is a stalwart soldier taking leave of his parents and sister as he goes to join his regiment in the Union army.

A very large sized upright picture, five feet three inches in height, by Kawassey, is one of the most important pictures on the walls, it represents Monticelli, in the passes of the Alps. The noble subject is handled with a masterly touch.

C. Kneiphoff, of Quebec, has two fine pictures called respectively "The Farmer's Return," and "The Sledging Party," which give the observer a very correct idea of Canadian life in winter.

Billmacher, of Paris, has two beautiful little pictures illustrative of Parisian life on the Boulevards. C. Bossert, of Dusseldorf, exhibits "The Flower Girl," and "The Little Milk Dealer," fine studies from life, and carefully studied.

Horgues, of Berlin, has a rather small but very elaborate picture called "The Bird Fanciers," which is greatly admired for fine drawing and delicate effects.

"The Proposal of Marriage," by Jordan, of Dusseldorf, is a quaint old rustic scene, full of humor and nature. A bashful youth has made application for the hand of the young damsel, who sits aside, a quiet but evidently interested party.

"The Trusty Sentinel," by Baumgartner, of Munich; "The Unlucky Number Thirteen," by Litchauer; "The Doubtful Customer," by Hildebrand, of Dusseldorf; "The Puzzled Policeman,"

by Boher, of Dusseldorf; and "Teaching the Tune," by Wesselbrack, of Dusseldorf. They are all good specimens of their particular school, and have been greatly admired while on exhibition.

Miss Mary Smith exhibits some of her beautiful pictures of little chickens, for which she has great reputation.

George C. Lambdin has a most capital picture which he calls "In the Park," which many regard as his best work.

Paul Weber, Philadelphia's greatest favorite, has quite a number of pieces on the walls. Although at present in Europe, we must always claim Mr. Weber as a Philadelphia artist.

The sale, which is under the direction of B. Scott, Jr., the well-known auctioneer, will commence on Tuesday, March 27, and continue two evenings. It will take place in the eastern gallery of the Academy of Fine Arts.

In the meantime the collection will be open every day and evening, free of charge.

Persons desiring to purchase fine works of art, framed and mounted in superb style, will have an opportunity now not likely to occur soon again.

Persons of artistic taste, who do not contemplate buying, will be repaid for their trouble by inspecting the collection.

This is the fifth regular sale of paintings conducted by Mr. Earle in this city, and his public spirit in this direction has had a great influence in elevating the artistic taste of our citizens.

AMUSEMENTS. LECTURES ON THE GLACIERS.—We call attention to the advertisement of the Franklin Institute in another column, in which a lecture is announced to be delivered before that body at the Academy of Music, March 27, on the subject of the glaciers.

WALNUT STREET THEATRE.—Last night Henry IV was given, with Mr. Hackett as "Fustal," and J. B. Roberts as "Hoispur." Mr. Hackett's "Fustal" is a great performance—it is really itself.

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